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## News to Know

### New Leadership at MoDOT

Eric Schroeter has been named the new deputy director / chief engineer for the Missouri Department of Transportation. This position serves as the senior registered professional engineer responsible for preparation and approval of all engineering documents, plans and specifications with oversight of the delivery of projects from planning through design and construction. The position also oversees the operations and maintenance work for the department.



Schroeter holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering and is a registered professional engineer. He has worked for MoDOT for 32 years including the past six years as the assistant chief engineer. Through his career, he has served in a variety of positions, including construction, operations and design at both the district and Central Office management levels. He was interim district engineer in the Central District prior to becoming state design engineer in 2013. Schroeter replaces Ed Hassinger who was promoted from the position to the MoDOT Director in November 2024.

**AVAILABLE SOON: FY 2026 State Transit Assistance (STA) and Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Assistance Program (MEHTAP) APPLICATIONS**

FY 2026 applications for STA and MEHTAP will be available in February on the [MoDOT-Transit Website](#). More information will be available in the InTransit Newsletter in February.

### COMING SOON: Save the Date Invitations for MoDOT's 2025 Annual Compliance Workshops

Invitations to attend MoDOT's 2025 Annual Compliance Workshops will be released soon. Workshop dates will be held in Jefferson City on March 4 & 5 for 5311s only, March 6 for 5310s with CDL federal funded vehicles/operating. We will be conducting a virtual workshop for 5310s with non-CDL federally funded vehicles on March 11. More information will be communicated in the February InTransit Newsletter.

### FTA Section 5310 Rural/Small Urban and 5311 Rural Applications

Currently, there is no federal funding application available for the Section 5310 and 5311 programs. When applications become available, a notice will be posted in this newsletter and on our website at [Transit Applications and Reporting](#).

## Agency Spotlight

### Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority Announces Its Relocation in Cape Girardeau

Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority, a public transit provider for the county, announced that it has relocated. This move allows the company to expand its operations and provide better customer service.

The facility, located at 49 North Leming Lane, features additional office space, an employee training room and an opportunity for future expansion.



"We are thrilled to announce our move to this new location," said Ginny Smith, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority Executive Director. "This move represents a significant investment in our business and demonstrates our commitment to providing our riders with the best possible transit service."

With over 24 years of experience providing public transit service, the company continues to work on increasing services for Cape County. CGCTA's experienced drivers and staff team are committed to providing riders with the highest level of service possible. For more information about Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority and its services, visit [www.cgcta.com](http://www.cgcta.com).

## Federal Actions & Updates



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration

### Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

**FTA Technology Transfer (T2) Program – Feb. 11 deadline.** Up to \$5 million is available to fund an applicant, through an FTA cooperative agreement, to develop and manage FTA's T2 program with an expected period of performance spanning at least 48 months.

### FTA Buy America Waiver; Vans and Minivans

FTA has extended the [Buy America waiver](#) for vans and minivans, for a period of five years. This partial, time-limited, general nonavailability waiver extension follows FTA's review of a RFC, to which AASHTO responded.

## FTA CCAM Fact Sheet on Medicaid Transportation Coordination

FTA and CMS created a [Medicaid Coordination Fact Sheet](#) to help clarify the 2023 Medicaid Transportation Coverage Guide and encourage partnership and coordination between state Medicaid agencies and state DOTs.

## Upcoming Webinars & Trainings

### First and Last Mile Connectivity for Missourians – Study Results

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) recently released the final report for a research study on the *First and Last Mile Connectivity for Missourians*. This research project was developed as part of former Missouri Gov. Mike Parson's Supply Chain Task Force convened in 2021. One of the recommendations born of this task force included the development of dedicated microtransit programs for employment centers.

Interested in learning more about the First and Last Mile Connectivity Study? Register [here](#) for the Jan. 21 MPTA Education Series webinar to hear from speakers and dive into the final results.



### Intercity Transportation Update Webinar, Part 2

Jan. 23, 1-2:30 p.m.

Please join us for our next Intercity update webinar on Jan. 23 from 1-2:30 p.m. to learn about the TCRP Intercity bus research project that recently kicked off and hear about new innovations in place for implementing the FTA 5311(f) Intercity bus program.

## Register

## Transit Trivia Time!

Which US city utilizes the most public transportation?

- A. San Francisco
- B. Chicago
- C. New York City

Answer is below 'Upcoming Conferences' section

## Upcoming Reporting

### January 2025

2024 Title VI Survey (all programs)

**Due Feb. 7**

DAMIS (D&A) (5311 only)

**Due Feb. 15**

**February 2025**

FY 2026 State Transit Assistance (STA) and Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Assistance Program (METHAP) Applications

## Upcoming Conferences

### **2025 ThinkTransit**

March 16-19 in Kansas City, MO

### **2025 FTA Drug & Alcohol Conference**

March 18 -20 in Kansas City, MO

Visit the [Drug & Alcohol Program webpage](#) for updates.

### **2025 CTAA Expo**

June 2-4 in San Diego, CA

### **2025 Midwest Transit Conference**

Sept. 3-5 in Kansas City, MO

### **2025 RTAP Conference**

Dec. 7-12 in Austin Texas

Visit the [conference web page](#) for more information.

For a listing of all National RTAP and other national events, view our [calendar](#). Also, see the [FTA Events Calendar](#). To submit an event, email [info@nationalrtap.org](mailto:info@nationalrtap.org).

Trivia Answer: C. New York City

### **We want to hear from you!**

MoDOT's InTransit Newsletter is an opportunity for transit agencies funded through MoDOT to recognize the awesome things that are happening in their organizations. If you would like to submit what your agency is doing, whether it's about your service or highlighting a transit employee, please have those submission submitted to [Nicholas.volkart@modot.mo.gov](mailto:Nicholas.volkart@modot.mo.gov).

## TRAINING RESOURCES

National RTAP: <https://www.nationalrtap.org/>

Missouri RTAP: <https://mltrc.mst.edu/mortaphome/>

National Transit Institute (NTI) <https://www.ntionline.com/>

Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA) <https://www.mopublictransit.org>

National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA): <https://ctaa.org/>

USDOT Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc>

FTA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program>

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program>

FTA Webinars and Trainings [Homepage](#)

National Transit Institute's [Current Course Schedule](#) of Upcoming Training

TSI Public Transportation [Catalogue](#)

APTAU Learning [Homepage](#)

NCMM [e-Learning Catalogue](#)

Easterseals Project Action [Course Schedule](#)

Mineta Transportation Institute [Upcoming Webinars](#)

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